AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-7 cancelled.

8. (previously presented) Press for pressing a material to be pressed into a component, said press having at least one revolving pressing belt movable along a course in a transport direction through a pressing area and control means for controlling the course of the pressing belt, the control means comprising rotating rods engaging the pressing belt and also including positioning means for positioning the rotating rods diagonally relative to the direction of transport of the pressing belt, the rotating rods being laterally attached to revolving chains to drivingly engage and drive lateral areas of the pressing belt to control the course of the pressing belt, the chains including chain links, gearwheels engaging the revolving chains to which the rotating rods are laterally attached, the gearwheels being provided with markings or pulse generators to provide a gearwheel signal, sensors together with an evaluation device arranged to receive the gearwheel

signal so that stretched chain links of the revolving chains can be detected, and the control means controlling the position of the rotating rods dependent on the length of individual chain links of the chain.

9. (cancelled).

10. (currently amended) Method for controlling a pressing belt in a press ~~according to claim 1,~~ having at least one revolving pressing belt movable along rotating rods engaging the pressing belt diagonally relative to a direction of transport of the pressing belt in a pressing area, the rotating rods being laterally attached to revolving chains including chain links, comprising the steps of:

drivingly engaging lateral areas of the pressing belt with the rotating rods,

providing gearwheels engaging the revolving chains to which the rotating rods are laterally attached,

providing the gearwheels with markings or pulse generators to provide gearwheel signals,

providing sensors for sensing the gearwheel signals and an evaluation device for evaluating the sensed gearwheel signals,

sensing the gearwheel signals with the sensors and evaluating the sensed signals to detect stretched chain links of the revolving chains, and

controlling the position of the rotating rods dependent on the detected length of individual chain links of the chain and ~~in which~~ the course of the pressing belt ~~is controlled~~ in the pressing area by laterally slowing down or accelerating the pressing belt.